

CHAPTER I.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
TORONTO, 1853.

January 8th, 1853. Read a Letter, dated the Sixteenth of December, 1852, to the Secretary of the Senate, from the Provincial Secretary, communicating the disallowance by the Governor General of the Senate Statute, Number Fifty-nine. Read also a Letter dated the Thirteenth of December 1852, to the Secretary of the Senate from the Provincial Secretary, transmitting Letters Patent, disallowing the Senate Statute, Number Fifty-nine. [This Statute is not available.]

Read a Memorial from Mr. Thomas Young, Architect, addressed to the Senate, praying that that Body would take into consideration the subject of his remuneration for the Plans prepared by him for the proposed new University Buildings, under the foregoing Building Statutes which had been disallowed.

Read a Memorial from Mr. Jacob M. Hirschfelder, suggesting the propriety of abolishing entirely the Fees for Hebrew in the University, or of reducing them to a merely nominal sum.

The appointment of a Vice-Chancellor being the first item on the notice paper, Professor Doctor Skeffington Connor, seconded by the Reverend Professor Doctor Beaven, moved that Professor Croft be elected Vice-Chancellor, for the present year.* (Carried.)

The Statute for giving Prizes for the best Clinical and Surgical report of cases in the General Hospital was then read the second time. The various clauses were adopted, as well as the Preamble and Title, and the Statute was adopted as a whole.

A Statute to amend Statute, Number Sixty-three, relative to Certificates to Students, was then read the second time. The Preamble and Title were also respectively carried and the Statute was adopted.

January 22nd, 1853. Read a Letter from the Provincial Secretary, dated the Eleventh instant, to the Secretary of the Senate, acknowledging the receipt of the Senate Statute, Number Seventy-seven, also a copy of the original and supplementary Reports of the Caput, with the Resolutions of Senate as to the Chair of Civil Engineering; also the names of the Candidates submitted by the Senate for that Chair, accompanied with their Testimonials.

Read a Letter, dated the Tenth of January from Captain J. H. Lefroy addressed to the President of the University, announcing the probable early removal of the Magnetical Observatory from Toronto, and suggesting the desirableness of the Senate adopting measures to retain the Instruments belonging thereto, for the purpose of continuing Magnetical Observations permanently under the direction of the University. A copy of the official Correspondence enclosed in the above communication was also read. [This Correspondence is not available.]

A Memorial addressed to the Senate from the Toronto Mechanic's Institute was read and considered, praying that a Statute might be passed, giving to the University Board of Endowment a discretionary power to loan to the Managers the sum of Two Thousand pounds, (£2,000,) to aid in the erection of a new Hall for the Institute.

The President of the University, seconded by the Reverend Professor Doctor Beaven, moved that the Letter of Captain Lefroy be referred to a Committee of the Senate, consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, the President and Professor George Buckland, to report on the steps which it may be desirable to take in the matter brought under the consideration of the Senate in the Communication of the Institute. (Carried.)

The Reverend Professor Doctor Beaven, seconded by the President of the University, moved that the Vice-Chancellor, the President, the Reverend Doctor Adam Lillie, Doctor John J. Hayes and the mover, be a Committee to consider and report on the Memorial of Mr. Thomas Young, the Architect. (Carried.)

January 29th, 1853. The Members present were not sufficient to constitute a Quorum.

February 5th, 1853. Read a Letter from the Chairman of the University Board of Endowment, enclosing the usual University Accounts for the quarter ending December 31st, 1852.

*At a meeting of Convocation held in January, 1853, the Honourable Doctor Christopher Widmer was appointed Chancellor of the University of Toronto. At the same Meeting Mr. Adam Crooks, B.C.L., was appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor.